

# COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE

## ROUTE 3

Miss Viola Harter of this route spent the first of the week with relatives and friends in Flat River.

Mrs. G. W. Smith of this route received a letter from her son, Harlan Bowling, somewhere over-seas, last Monday. This is the first letter from him for about three months. Harlan was among the first volunteers after war was declared. He is in a hospital.

Elliott Gordon of this route spent Saturday night and Sunday with his uncle, Elza Gordon, of near Coffman.

Orvall Harter and Willard Counts of Flat River spent Saturday night and Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harter, and family.

Misses Harriet Gregory and Jewel Zigler spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Thelma Hammons.

Arthur Adams of near Coffman is spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. Arthur Rhodes, and family.

Elliott Gordon went to the State Hospital at Farmington to take a position on last Monday.

C. A. Boyd and daughter, Reeva, and Howard Price of Avon, went to St. Louis the first of the week for a few weeks' visit.

Ralph Wade of this route drove Joe Gegg's truck to Farmington last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Amsie Vaughn and daughter, Viola, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harter and family.

Several on this route attended the pie supper and entertainment at the Gordon school, near Coffman, last Saturday night. A large crowd was present and the fourteen pies averaged about \$1.65. The net proceeds were \$40.61, which will be used by the school.

Tucker Boyd of Coffman spent Sunday at his father's, Henry Boyd, of this route.

There was a skating party at Joel Hammons' last Saturday night. Those present were Misses Harriet and Jewel Gregory; Messrs. Julian Gordon, Harry Gregory, Samuel Thompson, Allen Vaughn, Alfred, Allen and August Maberry.

J. C. Harter spent Saturday night and Sunday with Ralph Wade.

Glenwood Boyd of Farmington is spending a few days with his grandfather, Henry Boyd, of this route.

Noah Counts, Noah Hammons and Harry Gregory motored to Ste. Genevieve last Tuesday and back the next day.

Alfred Allen of this route is going to business college in Farmington. He started the first of the week.

Thos. Gregory and Samuel Thomsen motored to Farmington last Monday.

Wimple Gordon of this route spent Saturday night with Hugh and Guy McFarland of near Coffman.

## LIBERTYVILLE

Rev. R. L. Allen preached two very interesting sermons here last Sunday. Frank Detring is spending this week with relatives in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Bollinger of Fredericktown spent from Monday until Thursday of last week here with their daughter, Mrs. Herman Conrad.

John Moore of Farmington was a visitor here last Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Van Sickle of Washington, D. C., are visiting relatives here this week. Will has a government position there.

Miss Blanch Scott spent last week with her aunt, Mrs. Nora Brown, at Womack.

H. B. Presnell spent two days last week with friends at Bismarck.

Elmer Detring is home on a fifteen day furlough from Charleston, South Carolina. He is looking fine and it seems that life in the navy agrees with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Parker of Flat River spent the latter part of last week with H. B. Presnell and family. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Chris. Elser, who returned to Flat River the same evening.

Misses Genevieve and Helen Ballard and Maggie and Lizzie Cowley spent last Sunday afternoon with Blanche Scott.

Misses Bailey and Anthony resumed their school duties here last Monday morning, after several weeks absence on account of the "flu."

The officers of the Sunday School at the Christian Church for the coming year are: H. W. Crowe, Supt., H. B. Presnell, Asst. Supt., Henry Detring, Sec., and Chas. Keith, Treas. Our attendance has been small on some Sundays since so many are away and since so many have had the "flu" but as we are starting a New Year, let everyone start right by coming to Sunday School and bring someone with you. We invite you to come.

J. G. Turley of Farmington spent last Monday night with N. A. Kinkead and family.

Grandma Moran returned last Sunday after a two-weeks visit with her sons at Bonne Terre.

Mrs. King and son, Robt. Wade, were business visitors at Farmington last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sebastian have moved to the "Mill" property.

Miss St. Mary Kinkead spent last Monday with her cousin, Mrs. E. E. Kinkead.

A young Mr. Bollinger, who has returned to his home at Fredericktown after spending some time in France in the aviation corps visited his sister, Mrs. Herman Conrad here one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Moran of Bonne Terre visited relatives here last Sunday.

The home of Mrs. Jane Simpson was completely destroyed by fire on last Saturday evening between the hours of six and seven o'clock. Everything burned, except the furniture in the kitchen. All of their clothing also \$25 in money was burned. It was a complete loss with no insurance.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Graham and daughter, Mabel, and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Vansickle were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McKenzie last Tuesday.

Cyrus M. Moore of this place died

at his home last Sunday night after a lingering illness of several months of Bright's Disease. Mr. Moore was a prominent citizen and a good farmer born and reared in this community and his untimely death will be felt by his many friends here. At the time of his death he was 63 years and 9 days old. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Fred Heck of Farmington, and two sons, Ernest of this place, and Howard, who was one of the first drafted from this county and has been in France since early last spring. This weighed heavily upon Mr. Moore's mind and it was his sincere desire that he might live to see his son's return home. He joined the Christian church here in 1886 and had always been a faithful member since. Funeral services were conducted at the church by his pastor, Rev. R. L. Allen, assisted by Rev. J. M. Bailey of Farmington, after which his remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at the church. We extend sympathy to the bereaved.

## VALLES MINES

H. C. Rhodes was a Festus visitor Thursday.

Mrs. Dora Miller and son, who have been visiting her parents here, returned to her work in St. Louis Wednesday.

Jess. Ratty and Preston Polite were Bonne Terre visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Bunt were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Heaton Thursday.

S. P. Cole, Jr., was a Bonne Terre visitor Saturday.

Ed Richardson and F. M. Richardson were called to Desloge Saturday on account of the serious illness of their father.

Misses Minnie Rhodes and Elsie Heaton were guests of Misses Anna and Ada Heaton Friday and Saturday.

Miss Edith Rowe and Clarence Ekle were guests of friends in Festus Sunday.

Preston Polite, Jack and Jess Ratty were Festus visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Rhodes and daughter, Eva Belle, visited at the home of Wm. E. Heaton Sunday.

Luther Turley was a DeSoto visitor Saturday.

Turner Horn and daughters, Misses Florence and Thelma, of French Village visited at the home of Henry Turley Saturday and Sunday.

W. P. Whitesell was a Festus visitor Sunday and Monday.

Miss Minnie Rhodes, who has been visiting her brother here, returned to her home at Bessville Monday.

Miss Alice Armbruster of St. Louis is visiting her mother, Mrs. Wm. Armbruster.

Bud Riddle of Desloge visited his mother, Mrs. Mary Riddle, Saturday and Sunday.

C. R. McClain of Bonne Terre was a Valles Mines visitor Monday.

Miss May Polite, who has been working at Festus, returned to her home here Monday.

Elvin Burns was a St. Francois visitor Monday.

Miss Ada Heaton and H. C. Rhodes made a business trip to DeSoto Monday.

Mrs. Press Ratty and children are visitors with relatives at Elvins this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Waller and children of Hazel Run were guests of Smith Waller and wife Sunday.

Pete Parker was a DeSoto visitor Monday.

Sid Hodge of Elvins was guest of relatives and friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Effie Turley and children visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Heaton Sunday.

## PRIMROSE

Will Dickerson of Moontown transacted business in Bonne Terre one day last week.

Lawton Crossman was guest at the home of Wm. Moon one night last week.

Fenton Rawson was a visitor in Bonne Terre Friday.

Miss Nellie Moon was guest at the home of Morris Jones one evening last week.

Andy Snyder made a trip to Bonne Terre Saturday.

Lawton and Walter Crossman motored to DeSoto one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pratte and children of Bonne Terre spent part of last week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cash, of near Big River.

Steve Cole, Morris Jones and Lydie Williams motored to Farmington one day last week on business.

"Doc" Stephens of Prospect transacted business in Bonne Terre one day last week.

Lydie Williams was guest at the home of Morris Jones Sunday.

Dan and John Pettes transacted business in Bonne Terre one day last week.

Messrs. Frey and Snyder of Bonne Terre were guests at the home of J. C. Kink one day last week.

Oliver Cole was guest at the home of Morris Jones one day last week.

Several from here attended B. Y. P. U. at the Prospect school Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Snyder of Bonne Terre are visiting at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Snyder, at this writing.

Butchering is the order of the day at this writing.

## BISMARCK

S. D. Woods and family of Flat River spent the week-end with Bismarck relatives.

Miss Erna Davis spent last week at Sedalia.

Mrs. Will Simms of Farmington spent a few days last week with C. I. Garrett and family of this city.

H. Tibbs of Cape Girardeau was in Bismarck Saturday and Sunday.

J. C. Clanton and family of Poplar Bluff came up Saturday evening on No. 4 to attend the installation of officers in the Masonic Lodge.

Miss Lela Bisplinghoff is on the sick list this week.

Private Linis Grisham, who has been in training at Camp Bowie, Tex., came home Saturday.

Prof. Signer, who has been very ill with pneumonia, is much improved at this writing.

Miss Opal Mounts is spending the week with relatives at Centralia, Ill.

Mrs. John Heck spent last week with her sister at Harvilla.

Fred Twomey received a letter from his brother, Everett, stating that he had arrived safely from overseas.

The young folks have found enjoyment the last few days in skating.

Geo. Denton has sold his farm to a party from Flat River.

John C. Hinz returned home last week. He just recently returned from France and received his discharge. He is the first Bismarck boy to return home from France.

## CHESTNUT RIDGE

Mrs. Tom Marks and little daughter, Loretta, visited Raymond Marks and family at Hurryville last Saturday and Sunday.

H. Feezor returned home New Year's day from Camp Funston, Kan. His many friends rejoice with his wife and parents over his return.

Frank Robinson went to Irondale last Monday to attend the funeral of his cousin, Ivan Robinson, who died at Camp Dodge, Iowa. He was expecting to be discharged on the 6th, but instead was buried on the 6th.

Garrett Counts visited his niece, Mrs. Minnie Burgess, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gasher Rickard and children and Mr. and Mrs. James Feezor spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Feezor.

## LEADWOOD

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Stapp have installed a new furnace in their home which gives splendid service.

The ice in Big River is fine for skating now and the Leadwood skaters have been making good use of it for the past week or so. Skating was one of the outside sports that occupied a place of first rank with Leadwood young people last winter.

The W. C. T. U. met at the Methodist church Thursday of this week to observe the national day of prayer.

The Leadwood W. C. T. U. has a large membership and the organization has done a great deal for the temperance cause. The L. T. L. of which Mrs. A. C. McMullin is the president, met in the basement of the Methodist church Monday afternoon.

J. S. Boyer, our Leadwood undertaker, has been very busy this fall and winter in taking care of a large number of funerals which Leadwood has had.

The Leadwood Postmaster has received a large supply of the new 1919 Thrift Stamps and War Savings Certificates. The old stamps had been almost entirely disposed of before the new ones came. This will be a chance for all who did not invest in the 1918 stamps to get into the game now as the government will need your money just as bad now as it did during the days of actual hostilities. Who will be first to make a substantial purchase of the new stamps?

T. C. Adams, who was depot agent here for a long time, is now located at Sheridan, Ill., and is said to have a salary of more than \$200 a month. Ma. and Mrs. Adams writes that they are delighted with their new home.

Bernice Page, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Page, has been having some sort of spells for the past month which the doctor believes to be epileptic fits. Bernice is only three years old and is the picture of health. The spells last three or four minutes and are very severe while they last.

The first snow of the season caused the hunters of Leadwood to declare war on the rabbits that live near town. But though the hunters were in great power as far as numbers are concerned, the casualties were very light on the rabbit side of the battle.

Santa Claus brought Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Acuff a fine new phonograph for a Christmas present.

Edward Burns, who was superintendent of the Wild Cat mines as long as the mines continued to operate, expects to move to his farm near Fredericktown some time before long. Mr. Burns recently traded a fine farm near Libertyville for the farm near Fredericktown. Leadwood will lose one of its best citizens in the going of Mr. Burns.

John McEwen, who was in St. Louis last week looking for a position, returned to the city Tuesday of this week.

Another very fine musical program was given by Misses Jenna Logan and Alice Gay at the school Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. Wm. Scott has gone home to be with her mother until she has recovered from influenza. Mrs. Scott has a long trip and will probably be gone for a long time.

The company store now has a nice new furnace which was installed last week. The old furnace had burned entirely out and the clerks had a freeze-out for a couple of days until the new one could be put in. This was rather hard on "Doc" Van Lear who takes cold so easy that he will go to sneezing if anybody happens to leave his yard gate open at home. The new furnace is thoroughly up to date in every way, having an automatic damper to regulate the fires.

Walter McEwen, who has been home on a furlough for a few days, returned to the training camp last week.

Clarence Van Lear and Emmett Mason were Bonne Terre visitors last Sunday afternoon.

Quite a number of the high school boys went over to Bonne Terre last Sunday to have their pictures made.

Robert Ramsey, who has been in the training camp for some time, has written that he expects to be home by the 13th of this month.

The body of Mollie Davis, daughter of Mrs. E. M. Davis, who now lives in St. Louis, was brought here for burial Saturday of last week. The funeral party went directly from the train to the cemetery where Rev. G. A. McFarland conducted a short service.

The Davis family lived on a farm near Cherryville until some months ago when Mr. Davis died of cancer. After he had passed away, Mrs. Davis sold the farm to A. N. Sherrill of Cherryville, and the family moved to St. Louis. The deceased was born in Foster Falls, Va., in 1894, having reached the age of 25 years at the time of her death, which occurred Jan. 2, 1919. She leaves to mourn her going a mother, four sisters and five brothers, together with a host of friends.

Robert Schifferly, whose father and mother live in Leadwood, was killed in a rail road accident near Red Bull, Ill., one day last week and the body was brought to Bonne Terre for burial Thursday. Quite a few people went over to Bonne Terre in their automobiles to attend the funeral services which were held at the Bonne Terre cemetery. Mr. Schifferly was a brother to Mrs. T. R. Tolleson of Leadwood.

The funeral of little Helen Furry, which was held in William Buehl's home Thursday of last week, was attended by a large crowd of people. The funeral sermon was preached by the pastor of the Methodist church and Mrs. S. E. Williams sang by request "We'll Never Say Good-bye in Heaven". Mr. and Mrs. Furry are very highly respected here at Leadwood where they lived for a long time, and Helen was loved by all who knew her. She was sick only a very short time, having had part in a Christmas entertainment at Carterville, where they lived. The St. John's Methodist church at Carterville where she was a member, sent many beautiful flowers which were strewn upon her grave.

Quite a bit of moving took place in Leadwood Thursday of last week. Dr. D. H. McKenzie moved to his new residence which was formerly owned by Dr. Appleberry, and B. A. Rea moved into Dr. McKenzie's old home place which he has bought from Dr. McKenzie, and Prof. D. E. Motherhead moved to the house formerly occupied by B. A. Rea. Dr. McKenzie will now have his office where Dr. Appleberry's office was, and B. A. Rea will be much nearer his drug store. Of course Prof. Motherhead will have a longer walk to school but this is not so bad when you remember that he ate so much frog meat at Iron Mountain lake last summer that he can jump twice as far as any other man.

Ernest Mason returned last week from another one of those strange visits to far off Fayette, Mo., which he is known to make rather often. All sorts of opinions have been advanced as to what it is about the town of Fayette that is so attractive to Mr. Mason but nobody has been able to make the matter entirely clear. It is said, however, that there is a little blond girl over there which Mr. Mason is known to have a great deal of sympathy for and this may account for his long trips. The writer is of the opinion that Epsy Jackson went out of the furniture business here in Leadwood too soon.

Mrs. H. L. Stapp was sick last week with influenza, but she had it in a very light form and was soon out again.

Wm. Day went over to Bonne Terre Thursday of last week to attend the funeral of Robert Schifferly. Others attending from here were, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Tolleson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Schifferly, Rev. G. A. McFarland, H. L. Stapp, Bert Clay, Samuel Sizemore and Luther Bearden.

The Leadwood high school boys have organized a literary society and will soon be ready to give some public debates. The school has a large number of fine young men and there is no reason why it should not have a good debating society.

"Sport" Bearden gave a certain Leadwood young lady a nice Lavallier for a Christmas present. "Sport" made it all O. K. until he went to present it, when he lost all the nerve he ever had and gave it to her mother, with instructions to hand it to the girl.

Mrs. James Whaley of Valles Mines came up to Leadwood Thursday of last week to attend the funeral of her niece, Helen Furry. Mrs. Whaley is a sister to Mrs. William Buehl of this city.

Did you attend church somewhere last Sunday?

## CROSS ROADS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. James Ferguson, on New Year's day, a son.

Wm. Lenz was a Fredericktown visitor last Tuesday.

Miss Beulah Day of Fredericktown spent the past week with relatives here.

There was school here on last Saturday, the teacher having failed to get here Monday.

Miss Mildred Beard returned to St. Louis Friday, after spending the Christmas holidays with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lenz and Geo. Lenz of Womack were called to Fredericktown last Sunday to the bedside of their sister, Mrs. Henry Westerman, who is very low with cancer of the stomach.

Miss Florence Kiepe of Libertyville is staying with her sister, Mrs. James Ferguson.

Miss Anna Meredith returned to her school at Rockwell last Monday to begin teaching, after an absence of several days on account of sickness.

Dr. Barron of Mine La Motte was called to the home of Mr. Vessels Monday.

Mr. Rosser had a paralytic stroke the past week.

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Life is short, yes, by comparison with what lies beyond, but since its birth this small atom in a universe of worlds has been for millions, aye for billions of men a workshop and a playground. They have bought and sold, they have toiled and reaped, they have harnessed the lightning, conquered the air and established lanes of traffic across the raging sea. They have even tunneled beneath wide rivers, hanging safe highways of steel for travel far under the pulsing tides' ebb and flow.

As the race has progressed from its earliest beginnings more and more firmly has a fitting idea of home become fixed in men's hearts. Time was when a home meant a rude hut without windows and with a hole in the roof for a chimney. Now everyone realizes that a home is the grandest institution yet conceived by man, a place not alone in which to sleep and eat but a very shrine of shrines, a sanctuary of loving hearts, a well-spring of inspiration and peace.

A tender sentiment attaches to the image of the little thatched cottage in the lane. But with the passing of the unsanitary thatched roof has come the bigger, better idea of the home as a place for which no modern invention for comfort, even for luxury, is too good. Plate-glass windows, yes, if we can afford them! A garden with a fountain around which birds shall gather and beside which young lovers shall dream—why not? If the dream of the proverbial rainy day is past why not lavish upon the home in unstinted measure not only love but money—so that when we come to it at the close of day it shall give back to us glow for heart throb, smile for smile, ease and refreshment for every need of body and of soul. To build and worthily equip the home is a sacred task, a blessed privilege. As a man thinketh in his heart of his home—so is he.

People's Home Journal.

AUSTRALIA AWAKE TO NEEDS

People Beginning to Realize Necessity for Changed Conditions for the Dwellers in Cities.

In his presidential address to the Australian town planning conference held in Brisbane Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald, minister for local government and health and for town planning, New South Wales, said: "We have assembled to plan out the destinies of Australian city dwellers. It is an unchangeable fact that our movement will change the destiny of the urban populations, that our propaganda will make our civic conditions better, our city plans nobler, our citizens happier and comfortable beyond the dreams of today; that our town planners' devices will save millions to the nation which would otherwise be poured out in sheer and wicked economic waste—wicked because preventable.

"We Australians are only at the beginning of the great campaign which we must fight before we create ideal conditions for our city dwellers," continued the New South Wales minister.

"Our parliaments must hasten to the aid of the pioneers. Already several of the states have general town-planning bills prepared. Four years of war have changed the face of things as regards housing as well as everything else. Britain has leaped forward 100 years in methods, in organizations, in planning in advance, in housing and, above all, in outlook."

## GET READY TO PRUNE

Fruit growers should prepare for the dormant pruning by securing and putting into first-class condition the pruning saws and shears. Some extra saw blades will likely be needed. Pruning can also be started during suitable weather, according to the University of Missouri College of Agriculture, but it should not be done while the wood is frozen.

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DUTY DEVOLVING UPON ALL

Planting, Care and Protection of Trees is a Prime Requisite of Good Citizenship.

Choice varieties of our native deciduous and evergreen trees have suffered greatly from depletion due to the almost unchecked ravages of pestiferous insects and destructive fungi, the noted scarcity of bird life in many sections plainly adding to the complexity of the problem of protecting the trees, writes a correspondent of the New York Sun. Trees such as the chestnut, the maple, hickory, oak, pine, hemlock, etc., are beautifully characteristic of the wonderful resources of our deciduous and evergreen varieties, and these should be planted freely wherever opportunity offers. The American chestnut should not be permitted to disappear from the list.

I had intended to say more about street tree planting in the several boroughs of our city, where in many sections trees may be used with a great advantage to property and for the adornment of a neighborhood. For a comparatively small expenditure a good tree is a paying investment. The period of defoliation in the deciduous tree is at hand, and indicates the season of safety in transplanting, and this work can now shortly be undertaken, lasting till early frost. All interested in this inviting enterprise should take occasion to plant a tree as a civic duty.